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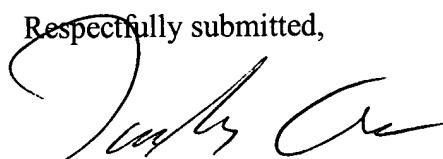
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. A copy of reference A13 is provided for the convenience of the Examiner. Copies of the remaining listed documents are not required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) as they were provided in co-pending application serial no. 09/440,037, with the exception of documents B1, B3 and B5 which are no longer available to Applicant. Copies of B1 and B3 are in the file wrapper of commonly assigned United States Application Serial No. 08/833,687. A copy of B5 is in the file wrapper of

commonly assigned United States Serial No. 08/449,927. Documents B1 and B3 were provided by Applicant in an Information Disclosure Statement in the '687 application and B5 was cited by the Examiner in an Office Action in the '927 application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of a first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits, and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365/KAI475/4-002DIV.

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